

FORT MILL MELANGE.

Why Points Gathered for the Perusal of Times Readers.

A false report reached Fort Mill last Thursday that Mr. J. H. Lee, who is living in New York City, was dead. He telegraphed his father, "I am very much alive."

Mr. Bob Bennett, whose farm is near the Lancaster road in the lower part of this township, sent to this office on the 26th ultimo the first cotton bloom of the season.

The Times is reliably informed that Prof. Jennings Owens, of Rock Hill, is an applicant for principal of the Fort Mill public school. Professor Owens was unanimously elected assistant principal of the Yorkville public school a few days ago, but declined the position.

At the regular monthly meeting of the directors of the Savings Bank of Fort Mill, which was held Monday afternoon, a dividend of 5 per cent was declared. Only 4 per cent of the dividend is payable to the stockholders, however, as 1 per cent of it is to be placed with the undivided-profit funds.

Mr. L. R. Wilson died at his home 3 miles north of Fort Mill last Friday evening. Mr. Wilson had been in ill health for several months, and his death therefore was not unexpected. At the outbreak of the Civil War he enlisted in Company B, Fifty-third North Carolina regiment, and it is said that he was a brave and fearless soldier, ever ready to answer to duty's call. He was a member of Flint Hill Baptist church, and the funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. Mr. Stowe. His remains were interred in Flint Hill cemetery. He was 65 years old.

Capt. S. E. White has received a letter from Gen. C. I. Walker, U. C. V., in which it is suggested that a reunion of the York regiment of Confederate veterans and the sons and daughters of veterans be held during this month. But Captain White does not think it advisable to undertake the reunion, as the State reunion is to be held at Greenwood during the first week in August, and also for the reason that the veterans in certain sections of the county are so badly behind with their farm work, as a result of the recent heavy rains, that they could not well afford to attend.

A Disgrace to Charlotte.

On East Trade street in Charlotte last Friday citizens were shocked to see a white prisoner chained to a negro convict, both being in charge of a negro trustee, also a convict. The sight was too much for the white men, and the matter was at once investigated.

The white prisoner's name was found to be Charles Crowder, sentenced to the chain gang for being drunk. His fine was quickly made up by the whites and he was released. Supt. W. S. Stancil, of the convict camp, has been suspended, and his removal is demanded because of the incident.

Contention Over the Price of Water.

The people in Yorkville are wrestling with the water question, and the problem, as presented, is an interesting one. The water plant belongs to the municipality. It was erected originally for fire protection. For several years the town council has been renting water privileges to consumers. The rental schedule contemplated a profit to the town over and above cost of production. Dissatisfaction has grown out of the impossibility of an absolutely equitable adjustment of the rental system. Some consumers paying the same price as others use much less water. This has led to the consideration of the installation of meters, and this question has further developed difference of opinion as to whether the municipality shall use the water plant as a revenue producer or simply as a convenience to the taxpayers. In other words, it is a question as to whether water should be sold to the owners of the plant at cost or at a profit. The people, or a majority of them, have not yet reached a conclusion as to what is the right thing to do, and the town council is still at sea. This body, however, is striving as best it can to do the right thing—Yorkville correspondence of the News and Courier.

THE FORT MILL LIGHT INFANTRY.

Fort Mill now has a military company. It is an established fact. As was anticipated in these columns last week, Col. John D. Frost, assistant adjutant-general, came up from Columbia Saturday evening at 8.45 o'clock and at 9.15 mustered in 79 members, exclusive of the three officers. After he had finished the work of mustering in the company, Colonel Frost made a short speech, which was enthusiastically received. He said among other things that the State was pleased to have a military company in the northern part of York county, and that the company which he had just taken into the service was made of excellent material. He impressed upon the members the necessity of proper interest in the organization to insure its success.

Colonel Frost made a great many friends during his short stay in Fort Mill, and the hearty response which came to the proposition of Lieutenant Spratt that three cheers be given for our prospective adjutant-general (Colonel Frost may be a candidate two years hence) must have proven to the colonel that he was in the midst of those who are sincerely desirous of his political promotion.

The selection of a name for the company developed a contest. Mr. J. R. Hulle, in a few well-chosen words, suggested that the company be named in honor of some South Carolinian who performed conspicuous service in behalf of the Confederacy. "The Mart Gary Guards," he thought, would prove pleasing and do honor to the memory of the soldier who, when called upon to surrender at Appomattox, exclaimed that "South Carolinians do not surrender." Lieutenant Spratt was of opinion that a name which would bear local significance should be selected, and he proposed "The Fort Mill Light Infantry," which was adopted.

There are now 91 members of the company, nine men having enlisted since Saturday night. The roster of the company is as follows: OFFICERS.—Wm. R. Bradford, captain; Thos. B. Spratt, first lieutenant; Saml. W. Parks, second lieutenant.

NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS.—Sergeants, E. R. Patterson, A. L. Parks, E. M. Consart, R. V. Macon, Edgar Jones; corporals, H. F. Hall, Frank Bennett, James A. Withers, David Lindsay, Jas. M. White, Ed. H. Phillips, J. S. Deaton.

PRIVATES.—A. L. Alexander, J. F. Alexander, S. L. Aiken, E. S. Armstrong, W. M. Adkins, Guy Alexander, J. P. Billie, C. E. Bennett, W. L. Bradford, J. S. Crenshaw, J. W. Campbell, W. L. Coble, T. G. Childers, D. V. Epps, W. F. Garrison, T. O. Grigg, James Givens, J. R. Hulle, G. O. Hall, F. D. Hoopough, R. P. Harris, J. S. Hoke, Joe Hoke, T. C. Honeycutt, J. S. Harris, C. W. Hougland, W. L. Hall, W. B. Hoke, J. W. Hough, C. H. Hammonds, W. H. Jones, J. W. Johnston, Lee Kimbrell, B. S. Kimbrell, C. H. Lanier, H. L. Merritt, Sid Minsey, Will Medlin, H. E. Marks, J. P. McMurray, W. S. McMurray, W. E. Merritt, Fred Nims, J. W. Patterson, C. C. Patterson, J. L. Patterson, B. A. Patterson, J. M. Patterson, H. J. Patterson, J. H. Patterson, Frank Parks, W. M. Phillips, W. H. Parks, T. M. Parks, Springs Parks, W. R. Phillips, J. W. Potts, C. F. Rodgers, Jr., R. E. Rodgers, W. R. Smythe, J. L. Spratt, B. W. Spinks, F. L. Sneed, Guy Sneed, T. C. Spratt, Tom Thomason, T. E. Withers, J. H. Ward, John White, Will White, J. J. Wolfe, J. M. Willford, W. F. Windle, J. W. Wilson, Andy Wilson, L. G. Minsey.

An Old Fort Mill Farmer.

Yorkville Yeoman.

Inasmuch as a great deal has been said time and again about the model farming in upper Fort Mill township, we shall endeavor to prove that there is more in the man than there is in land in bringing about such results, as we find Mr. Joseph G. Nivens, an old Fort Mill farmer who pulled up his stakes over there and pitched his tent among strangers three miles northeast of Yorkville three years ago, on what was a dilapidated farm, but by good judgment he has cleared up and got a model farm that can not be surpassed, everything considered, as he has a capital stand of cotton and every row of his crop in growing condition, and all done within his own family. He has the finest garden we have seen this season.

Blackberry and Plum Crops Good.

Says the Rock Hill correspondent of the News and Courier: The blackberry and plum crops are safe. They give a great deal of pleasure, but are of little commercial value here. Wherever heedless treatment reduces the strength of the fields to such an extent that corn and cotton will not give the desired return the land "lies out." It then of its own accord and with no help furnishes these two crops in abundance. Both are wholesome and toothsome. As soon as age and neglect allow these bushes and shrubs to reach the size and condition that give really good results—in other words, make a thicket—the owner of the land, whose neglect forced the soil to take care of itself, interferes; declares that the blackberries and plums are about to "take the whole country," and when his hands have leisure, in February or March, he wages warfare on these innocent wild orchards if he remembers where they grew; cuts down and burns all he can and leaves the bald spot of land to its own devices again, not once seeing in this spontaneous growth the pure bounty of a long-suffering, beneficent Providence. This year the bushes that have escaped destruction have done their best; the season has been favorable and the luscious plums and berries have taken the wrinkles out of many a stomach which was growing out of intimacy with regular rations. When the soil unaided and alone does so much why does civilization find food so hard to obtain?

AT THE STORE

Of A. O. Jones there has just been received a shipment of Cabbage, Potatoes (Irish and Sweet), both for planting and eating, Lemons, Oranges, Bananas. My reputation is that of carrying the choicest fruits brought to Fort Mill. This reputation I shall sustain.

A lot of medium grade pants, all sizes and weights, will be sold regardless of price. You would do well to see them before you buy.

A. O. JONES.

W. H. HOOVER,
LIQUOR DEALER,
CHARLOTTE, N. C.

We look especially after the shipping trade and below quote very close figures. Will be glad to have your orders. Terms cash with order.
Corn, per gallon, in jug (boxed), \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.
All first-class goods at \$1.75 and \$2 VERY OLD.
Ryes from \$1.60 to \$2, \$2.50 and \$3.50 per gallon.
Gins from \$1.60 to \$2, and \$2.50.
Genuine Imported "Fish Gin" at \$3 per gallon.
Apple Brandy, \$2.25 per gallon.
Peach Brandy \$2.50 per gallon.
No charge for jug and box on above, and no charge at these prices for keg when wanted in such quantities.
Let us have your orders and oblige,
W. H. HOOVER.

Democracy With Wins.

The following extract is taken from the speech of Ex-Gov. John P. Altgeld at the Democratic State convention in Springfield, Ill., last Tuesday night:

"We have got away from the basic principles of republican government, and our people do not yet fully understand it. It has been misrepresented. The people are somewhat dazed, but before the tide of November the American people will understand it, and then the Democracy will carry and rule this country for fifty years to come. "The Democratic party has been the party of expansion. We expanded in 1803 and got Louisiana. We expanded in 1819 and got Florida. We expanded in 1845 and got Texas. We expanded in 1848 and got New Mexico. But in every instance the treaty provided that the territory was to be a part of this republic, and that the inhabitants were to be citizens of this republic. That was expansion; that was growth; that was development; that was statehood; that was broadening out the Declaration of Independence; it was giving more people the benefit of our constitution and our institutions; it was a blessing to humanity."

Mrs. J. E. Bruce, of Winnsboro, S. C., and Mrs. J. E. Smith, of Raleigh, N. C., are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Young. The friends of Mr. J. H. Coltharp, who has been seriously ill at his home near this place, will be pleased to learn that he is considerably better.

CANDIDATE ANNOUNCEMENTS.

For Magistrate.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Magistrate of Fort Mill Township, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. S. F. MASSEY.

Clerk of Court.

We are authorized to announce W. BROWN WILHE as a candidate for reelection to the office of Clerk of the Court for York County, subject to the result of the Democratic primary election.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Clerk of Court of York County, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the primary election. W. H. STEWART.

Subject to the action of the Democratic primary election, I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Clerk of the Court for York County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. J. J. HUNTER.

I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of Clerk of Court of York county, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. J. A. TATE.

Solicitor of the Sixth Circuit.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Solicitor of the Sixth Judicial Circuit, subject to the result of the Democratic primary. THOS. F. MEDOW.

I will stand for re-nomination to the office of Solicitor of the Sixth Judicial Circuit, subject to the result of the next Democratic primary. J. K. HENRY.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Solicitor of the Sixth Judicial Circuit, subject to the results of the next Democratic primary. W. C. BOUGIE.

State Senate.

We are authorized to announce J. S. BRUCE, Esq., as a candidate for State Senator, subject to the result of the Democratic primary.

For Sheriff.

We are authorized to announce Capt. E. A. CRAWFORD as a candidate for Sheriff of York County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

We are authorized to announce JOHN R. LOGAN as a candidate for reelection as Sheriff of York county, subject to the result of the Democratic primary election.

For County Supervisor.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for reelection to the office of County SUPERVISOR, subject to the result of the Democratic primary election. T. C. GULP.

We are authorized to announce JOHN F. GORDEN as a candidate for the office of County Supervisor of York County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary election.

We are authorized to announce J. ED. LEECH, of Broad River township, as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Supervisor of York county, subject to the result of the Democratic primary.

For County Auditor.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for recommendation by the voters in the Democratic primary for reappointment as COUNTY AUDITOR. W. W. BOYCE.

For the House of Representatives.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, subject to the result of the Democratic primary election. J. R. HALL.

We are authorized to announce W. B. LAMAR, Esq., as a candidate for the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, subject to the result of the Democratic primary election.

We are authorized to announce J. E. PEARMAN as a candidate for the House of Representatives, subject to the action of the Democratic primary election.

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Our great summer clearance sale of Millinery, Summer Dress Goods, Slippers, etc., continues as long as the goods last.

Ladies' \$3 hats now.....	\$1.50
Ladies' \$2.50 hats now.....	1.25
Ladies' \$2 hats now.....	1.00
Ladies' \$1.50 hats now.....	.75
12 1 2 c. summer dress goods now.....	5-10 c.
\$1.50 slippers now.....	.95
\$3 fancy parasols now.....	1.90
Boys \$2 suits now.....	.95
50 and 60 c. silks now.....	.38
50 and 60 c. ribbon now.....	.38
\$2.50 silk waists now.....	1.65
50 c. cravats now.....	.38
25 c. cravats now.....	.19
\$35 bicycles now.....	22.50
\$55 sewing machines now.....	22.50
\$100 pianos now.....	103.00
\$75 organs now.....	39.00
Men's and boys' straw hats and ladies' hats at half price.	

We have a few fancy shapes in ladies' hats, worth from 50 c. to \$1.50, take your choice for 25 c.

On July 4 all prices were marked down—some cut half in two. We have too many goods and want to divide with our customers.

We have just received a car load of STOVES—the only car ever shipped to this place. We have also just received a lot of hammocks, fans, trunks, bed springs, cots, mattresses, etc. If you want two dollars worth of goods for one dollar, now is your time.

L. J. MASSEY.

"THE OLD RELIABLE STORE"

Don't Stir a Step Until You Read This.

MENS' READY-MADE CLOTHING.

There never has been inaugurated in this section a sale of MENS' READY-MADE CLOTHING in which the purchasing power of dollars was as great as in our present sale. The fact that this sale has been in progress for several days should not lead you to believe that the stock has been picked over until the best values are gone. Such is not the case. There are still left dozens of nice suits—suits that look well and wear well—at prices that will astonish you. Some of them are offered at half price—others for less. This is the sale that should interest you if you need clothing. Come and look through the stock anyway.

A Great Sale of Straw Hats.

Right in the height of straw-hat wearing time we begin a sale of Men's and Boys' Straw Hats at cut prices. The lot is large and in it you will find all sorts. The hats are new and of this season's manufacture; the freshness of the straw will attest to that. This is a profitable opportunity for those who have deferred purchasing their Straw Hat up to now, and it would pay even those having a Straw to invest in one at the prices we are offering.

Bargains in Boy's Summer Suits.

Bring your boy to our store and let us fit him in a nice cool suit for from 75 cents to \$2.50. They are worth more, but must be sold.

Old Hickory and Piedmont Wagons.

Two-horse Old Hickory Wagons at \$50. Two-horse Piedmont Wagons at \$45. One new 1-horse wagon at \$25. Bargains in second-hand wagons and buggies.

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